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IN FIRE CAITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1272-C)

In re Ap	pplication of:	)	
	Chad A. Mirkin, et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 10/008,978		)	Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: 1	December 7, 2001	) )	Art Unit: 1637
	NANOPARTICLES HAVING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED THERETO AND USES THEREFOR	)	Confirmation No. 5877

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated May 29, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.